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# Enterprise Academy GRADUATION

THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 2018



Building Local Economies From Within

4:30 to 6:00 p.m. | Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation | St. Cloud



## **ABDIRAHMAN HUSSEIN | TRIPPLES, LLC**

Abdirahman recently started an e-commerce and trucking company called TrippleS. He has always dreamed of starting his own company, since his days as a sales representative in Kenya. Abdirahman has his commercial driver's license and looks forward to using his experience to travel and continue to meet new people throughout the United States.

## **AMINA ALI | HALAL PIZZA AND DAILY CUISINE**

Amina is excited to use her experience as an assistant restaurant manager in Seattle to open Halal Pizza and Daily Cuisine. She will serve halal pizza, varieties of chicken, pasta and sweet treats. With no other halal pizza places in Central Minnesota, Amina is ready to use her cooking skills to serve food to a wide group of people.



## **HUSSEIN FARAH | THIRTY-THIRD MEAT & GROCERY**

Hussein is the manager of Thirty-Third Meat & Grocery and Horseed Deli, a full-service grocery store and deli in St. Cloud. The store has been open for more than 10 years, and Hussein is currently adding additional space to help diversify the store's offerings in anticipation of the planned closing of the nearby Elextrolux plant, which will affect traffic.

## **IFRAH ELMI | GYRO EXPRESS**

Ifrah is excited to use her 15 years of business experience, which spans across three countries, to open Gyro Express—a fast, unique and nutritious restaurant experience. She is confident about her cooking skills and business plan. A local business person called Ifrah “a hard worker, honest and professional.”



## **MOHAMED JIMALE | J&M TRANSPORT, LLC**

Mohamed has been in the trucking industry for six years and is excited to use his experience and love for the road to build his business, J&M Transport. Driving general freight short and long distances for brokers across the United States, Mohamed looks forward to building his business for many years to come.



## **NAFISO MOHAMUD | XALWO KISMAYO, BAKERY**

Recently moving to the United States from Kenya, Nafiso is excited to start Xalwo Kismayo, a bakery. She has experience operating a bakery in Nairobi. Her business will focus on catering for weddings and special events. She is excited to have a variety of delicious items for her customers.

## **OMAR PODI | TAILOR SHOP**

Omar has many years of experience as a tailor and currently designs wedding clothing from his home. At his tailor shop, he will help design and create quality clothing for special events and weddings. He looks forward to creating a sustainable business and serving all Central Minnesotans.



## **SALAHUDEEN SHARIF | ETHIOPIAN COFFEE SHOP**

Salahudeen is a 13-year resident of the United States and is a current student at St. Cloud State University. He developed people skills while working as a volunteer prison chaplain for more than a year and will use these skills to open a coffee shop using authentic Ethiopian coffee beans. He looks forward to creating a welcoming environment for all.

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